

FCC ACCEPTING COMMENTS IN "BROADBAND OVER POWER LINE" INQUIRY

I am writing to express my concerns of this new technology and it's possible increased interference in the High Frequency (HF) bands. As I understand it, the FCC requires that licensed services, including Amateur Radio, 'must be protected from harmful interference'. As you know the spectrum is becoming increasingly crowded, and I would hate to see increased interference in any part of the EM spectrum. Please allow thorough testing of this BPL technology before it is widely implemented. As a radio astronomer, I am concerned about the narrowing of bandwidth for research and amateur uses. I feel confident that the cooperation between industry and scientists and amateurs can continue long into the future. Thank you very much.

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